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PRODUCTION AND MARKETING ADMINISTRATION

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Foods featured on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's "Plentiful List" for the month of March include: Broilers and fryers, turkeys, beef, frozen fish fillets, fresh and processed oranges, fresh and processed grapefruit, raisins, honey, cabbage, carrots, dry lima and pea beans, peanuts and peanut butter, eggs, edible fats and oils, and dairy products.

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"Improved grasslands provide the most economical source of feed for livestock and the most effective means of preserving and improving soil fertility...." W. M. Myers, director of Field Crops Research, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Forty years ago, nearly 90 million acres of U. S. farm land were used to grow feed for horses and mules, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. In 1952 less than 20 million acres were so used, a shift from feed to food crops of nearly 70 million acres.

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The number of horses and mules on farms January 1, 1952, was only about 6.3 million -- less than one-fourth the 1918 peak of 26.7 million, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

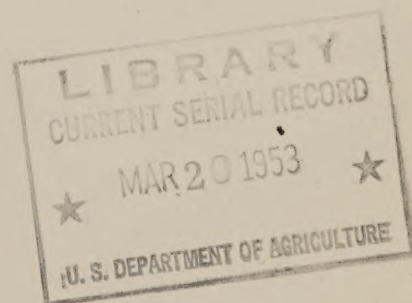
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The U. S. Department of Agriculture announces that the national average support price for wool shorn or pulled during calendar year 1953 will be 90 percent of the March 15, 1953, parity price for wool.

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Agriculture's big job again this year is the production of feed crops. North Dakota farmers are urged to divert part of the acreage normally planted to wheat and flax to crops of corn, oats and barley.

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Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has announced that Commodity Credit Corporation price supports will not be made available on the 1953 crops of hay and pasture seeds.

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Participation in the National School Lunch Program during the current school year has reached a total of 9.9 million children in almost 57 thousand schools, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. Participation so far this school year established a new record and is 5.8 percent above participation in the 1951-52 school year, which was the previous high.

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Last year's crop of wool was 14 million pounds larger than that of 1951. But the farmers' income from the crop tumbled 95 million dollars from the record return brought by the 1951 clip. The price per pound fell from 97¢ to 53¢ a pound, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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The minimum national level of price supports for 1953 crop corn will average \$1.58 per bushel. This support price represents 90 percent of parity as of February 15, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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Restrictions have been lifted on the importation of livestock and animal or other products from Canada, imposed because of foot-and-mouth disease, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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Production of 11 out of 14 range-grass seeds was smaller in 1952 than in 1951, according to a survey just completed by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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Foods featured on the U. S. Department of Agriculture's "Plentiful List" for April include: Beef, broilers and fryers, turkeys, fresh and frozen fish, fresh and processed oranges, fresh and processed grapefruit, raisins, carrots, cabbage, celery, potatoes, tomato juice, dry lima and pea beans, peanuts and peanut butter, edible fats and oils and dairy products.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has reported that a record of 455.8 million bushels of 1952 crop wheat had been put under price support as of February 15, compared with a total of 1951 crop wheat of only 212.1 million bushels.

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U. S. agricultural exports dropped 15 percent on a dollar-value basis in 1952, the Department of Agriculture reports. The 1952 total was \$3.4 billion, compared with the postwar record of \$4 billion in 1951.

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More fertilizers are available for the current fiscal year ending July 1 than in the preceding year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

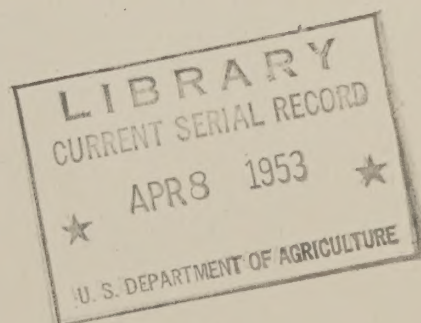
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Maintenance of adequate wheat reserves as essential under present world conditions has been recommended to the Department of Agriculture by a special wheat advisory committee.

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The number of workers on farms has steadily declined as agricultural efficiency has steadily increased. In the 1910-14 period there were slightly more than 12 million workers on farms. Now there are slightly more than 10 million, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

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March 26, 1953

A heavy demand for smaller supplies of eggs is helping to hold prices to producers considerably above those of a year ago. At mid-February, producers were averaging 42 cents a dozen for eggs, which is 7.3 cents a dozen more than last year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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It has always been a good farm practice to have a garden, but it will be of greater importance in 1953 in view of the high retail cost of food, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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An intensified campaign to increase the consumption of beef is being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with livestock producers, slaughterers, meat packers, and others in the distributive food trade.

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The Nation is receiving a far greater return from rangeland than it did 20 years ago. Conservation programs have played an important part in increased production, the Production and Marketing Administration points out.

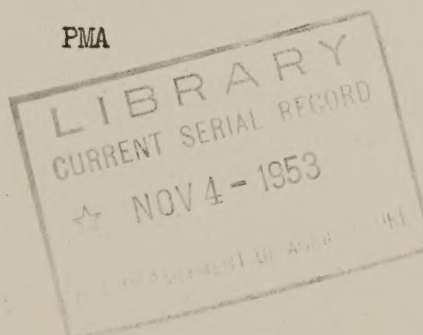
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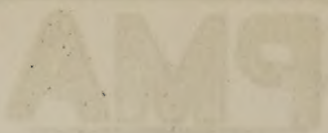
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A heavy demand for smaller supplies of eggs is being felt by producers, particularly those of a year ago. At mid-November, producers were averaging 12 cents a dozen for eggs, which is 7.5 cents a dozen more than last year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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